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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region

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TO: Interested Parties

RE: PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) is soliciting the public on behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and ourselves for data and information regarding water quality conditions in surface waters in this Region. The information gathered will be used in various assessments of Regional waters and the State's waters including the development of a statewide submission to US EPA required by the federal Clean Water Act (Sections 305(b) and 303(d)). This submission will be developed by the SWRCB. The information gathered in this solicitation will be used to assess the quality of waters in California, culminating in the State's 2002 federal Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report on Water Quality. In addition, it will be used to provide US EPA with a revised list of waters considered by the State to be impaired (not attaining water quality standards) after certain required technology based water quality controls are in place (known as the 303(d) List). It is anticipated that this submission will be provided to US EPA by April 2002, as required by federal regulations.

Anyone, including but not limited to, private citizens, public agencies, state and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses, possessing information regarding the quality of the Region's surface waters may provide information. While our highest priority is data on surface water quality, we are also interested in improving our understanding of the Region's groundwater quality. However, data on groundwater quality is not included in the submissions to US EPA required by the federal Clean Water Act.

We are seeking to obtain all readily available data and assessment information **generated since July 1997. The Regional Board must receive all data and information you wish to provide by 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2001.** If your agency submitted data in response to our Fall 2000 solicitation letter, it is not necessary to resubmit that data. For purposes of this solicitation, information is any documentation describing the current or anticipated water quality condition of a surface water body. We consider data to be a subset of information that consists of reports of measurements of specific environmental characteristics. The data and information may pertain to physical, chemical, and/or biological conditions of the region's waters or watersheds.

Information provided should conform to the following criteria:

- The name of the entity or person providing the information.
- Mailing address, phone number, and email address for a contact person that can answer questions about any of the information provided.

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- **Two** hard copies and an electronic copy of all information provided. For reports, Microsoft Word is the preferred software. Please specify the software used to format the information and provide definitions for any codes or abbreviations used.
- Bibliographic citations for all information provided.
- If computer model outputs are included in the information, please provide bibliographic citations and specify any calibration and quality assurance information available.

Any data provided should conform to the following criteria:

- Data in electronic form, in a spreadsheet, database or ASCII format. Please specify the format and define any codes or abbreviations used in your database.
- A description of, and reference for your quality assurance procedures.
- Metadata for the field data, i.e., when measurements were taken, locations (latitude/longitude coordinates), number of samples, methods, detection limits, etc.
- If possible, **two** hard copies of the data so that we can verify that we have accurately transferred the data to our database. (Hard copies of data previously submitted to the Regional Board in DMRs **do not** need to be submitted.)
- In addition, for data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts:
  - The name of your group, and
  - Indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of your group, including dates of training and the agency that performed the training.

We would like to receive data and information as soon as possible and no later than **May 15, 2001**. Data or information received after May 15, 2001 will not be considered in developing the April 2002 submission to US EPA required by Clean Water Act Section 303(d).

The Regional Boards have been requested to provide recommendations to the SWRCB in Fall 2001 on the condition of Regional waters. The SWRCB will consider all Regional Boards' recommendations regarding the conditions of the Region's waters when formulating the 303(d) submission. The State's submission revising the list of impaired waters will be considered by the SWRCB in a public process to be conducted next winter. Opportunities for review of the proposed submission and public comment on the submission will be announced at a later date.

Regional Board staff will hold workshops to answer questions regarding the 303(d) listing process. The dates and locations of the workshops will be announced in the near future. In preparation for these meetings, we are requesting that all questions be sent via e-mail to [303d@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:303d@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov) by April 20, 2001. If you do not have Internet access, you may submit your questions in writing, by April 20, 2001, to the address below. Staff will prepare responses to questions and distribute the responses at the workshops and on our website.

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Any information and data (including electronic versions on CD, zip disks or floppy disks) you wish to provide can be sent via ground mail to:

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Information and data of less than 5 MB in size can also be sent electronically to [303d@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:303d@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov).

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